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Case No. <u>4865-133</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nixon et al.

Serial No:

10/693,425

Examiner: Group, Karl E.

Filed:

October 24, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1755

For: BORON CARBIDE BASED

CERAMIC MATRIX

COMPOSITES

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated January 6, 2006 for a period of one (1) month.

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claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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Extension <u>Months</u>	Other Than Small Entity	Small Entity
One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months	\$120.00 \$450.00 \$1,020.00 \$1,590.00 \$2,160.00	\$60.00 \$225.00 \$510.00 \$795.00 \$1,080.00

Fee Payment

\boxtimes	Attached is a check for \$120 for the Petition fee.
	Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$ for the Petition fee.
	Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached. Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 8, 2006

Stephanie J. Felicetty Registration No. 50,814 Attorney for Applicant

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